

Please amend the specification as follows. A mark-up copy of the changes made to the paragraph below is submitted herewith. No matter is being introduced.

Page 12, paragraph 2:

B<sup>1</sup>  
The shield 45 has a tubular-shaped shield body 47 that substantially surrounds the medial portion 43 of the trocar body 41 and biasing means, e.g., provided by a spring 48 or other biasing member, positioned between an outer surface of the medial portion 43 of the trocar body 41 and an inner surface of the tubular-shaped shield body 47. The trocar body 41 preferably includes a trocar body transition region having an outer surface extending outwardly from the medial portion 43 to the proximal portion 44 and defining a shield stop 49 when the shield 45 is biased to the retracted position. The shield stop 49 is preferably a first shield stop, and a second shield stop 46, such as provided by a rod or pin member can also or alternatively be connected to the trocar body 41 and cooperates with the shield body 47, e.g., to through a slot formed therein, to provide an alternative or an auxiliary stop for the shield body 47 when moving to the retracted position. In addition, shield 45 has a shoulder 51 that extends inwardly and is located between biasing means 48 and distal end portion 42.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9 and 10 as follows. A marked-up copy of the claims is submitted herewith showing the changes made below.

1. (Amended) A trocar system comprising:

B<sup>2</sup>  
a cannula having an elongate cannula body, the cannula body including medial and distal portions thereof having a first diameter and a proximal portion thereof connected to